वस्त्र मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) से (ग) जून, 1985 वस्त्र नीति विवरण में यह व्यवस्था है कि नियंत्रित कपड़े के उत्पादन सम्बन्धी जिम्मेदारी सातवीं पंच वर्षीय योजना के अंत तक पूरी तरह हथकरघा क्षेत्र को अन्तरित की जाएगी । तदनुसार, हथकरघा क्षेत्र के लिये उत्पाद लक्ष्य नियंत्रित तथा जनता कपड़े सम्बन्धी समग्र लक्ष्य की तुलना में उत्तरोत्तर बढ़ रहा है ।

Fertilizer Plant near Ranthambore Tiger Reserve

3325. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will (he Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether a proposal to set up a fertiliser plant near Swai Madhopur (Rajasthan) which is about 29 Kms. away from Ranthambore Tiger Re serve is pending clearance by his Minify;

(b) whether this plant is likely iu damage the Tiger Reserve; and

(c) if so, whether Governmen would take this fact into account while taking a final decision on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI); (a) Yes, Sir. The distance of the proposed site from the Tiger Reserve is 22 Kms.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

Measures to encourage Exports

3326. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Abid Hussain Committee one of the reasons for poor export growth rate is that it is far more profitable to sell goods in domestic market than to export them; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to curb this tendance and encourage exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken several steps to increase export profitability. These include fiscal concessions under Section 80 HHC of the Income Tax Act, making available inputs at international prices under the Advance licensing and the IPRS Schemes, pre and post shipment credit at subsidized interest rates, reimbursement of domestic taxes and levies under the Duty Drawback Scheme and provision of imported capital goods to selected thrust sectors at concessional customs duty.

Grant of cash compensatory support to boost the Export of Poultry Products

3327. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that European and American countries subsidise the export of poultry products;

(b) whether it is a fact that from lst July, 1986 Cash Compensatory Support has been totally withdrawn on the export of poultry products;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an cargo rates have been increased by 5 to 15 per cent with effect from lst Jnue, 1986 and this had an adverse effect on the export of poultry products; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review its decision with a view to increasing the export of poultry products which will bring in valuable froeign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERC: (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a; Government are aware that some countries are subsidising exports o poultry products.

(b) The Scheme for Cash Compen satory Support of export of poultry products, which expired on 30th June, 1986, was not renewed thereafter.

(c) Air Cargo rates on poultry pro ducts have not been increased recent ly.

(d) Government can certainly con sider grant of CCS at appropria. levels if necessary data is made avail able to them.

Charges against Chairman, Punjab and Sind Bank

3328. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA; SHRI SURAJ PRASAD;

Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports published in Nav Bharat Times dated 7th Octobe/, 1937, Jansatta dated llth October, 1987 the Indian Post dated 15th October, 1987 and to a representation from Punjab and Sind Employees Ft deration regarding specific charges againsc the Chairman-cum-managing Director of the Bank; if so, what are Government's findings on each count and the follow-up action taken in the matter;

(b) whether in spite of his 'being under shadow of these charges, he has been given an ad-hoc extension on 12th October, 1987; and

(c) whether he has also seen a re port in the Nav Bharat Times dated 20th November, 1987 regarding al fraudulent transaction by him by giving false affdavits under oath to NOID. authoritie., to get two plots allotted in his name and in the name of his wife; if so, what action has been taken against, him for these criminal offence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRl JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir. Briefly, the position is set out in the enclosed Statement. (See below).

(b) Pending a decision about his reappointment or appointment of his successor, the present Chairman ana Managaing Director of Punjab and Bank was given an extension of two months from 13-10-1987 in ac-cordace with the prescribed procedure.

Statement

Navbtiarat Times, New Delhi dated 7-10-1937.

Shri R. S. Khera, Workmen Director on the Board of Punjab and Sind Bank had written to the Finance Minister about the manner of bank's fun ctioning. Reserve Bank of India has been asked to examine the alleged adverse features of the Bank's working* The number of frauds in Punjab ana Sind Bank and amount involved therein for the last three years as reporied by Reserve Bank of India are a follows:

Year	No, of frauds	Amount (Rs. in lacs)
1984	22	25.61
1985	14	15.82
1986	11	20.49

The newspaper report alleges large scale bad debts in the Bank. How-ever, the audited accounts of the, Bank as at the end of 1986, do ne show any bad debts not provided for. In terms of practices and usages c tomary among the banks as also prescribed form of Balance Sheet, banks are protected from disclosure of their bad and doubtful debts, if provided for.

Jansatta dated 11-10-1987.
Indian Post, Bambay dated 15-10-1987

While the question of the appoint-ment//reappointment of Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab and Sind Bank has been under con-